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**IN THE CLAIMS**:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:** 

Claim 1 (Original): A composition comprising:

a siloxane resin;

a silicon compound substantially consisting of silicon, carbon and hydrogen, wherein the number ratio of carbon to silicon atoms forming an -X- bond (wherein X is  $(C)_m$  (where m is an integer in the range of from 1 to 3), or a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic group with 9 or less carbon atoms) in the main chain of one molecule is in the range of from 2:1 to 12:1; and

a solvent.

Claim 2 (Original): A composition according to claim 1, wherein said silicon compound has a structure represented by formula (2):

$$\begin{pmatrix}
R_4 \\
I \\
Si - R_6 \\
I \\
R_5
\end{pmatrix}$$
 $p$ 
 $\dots (2)$ 

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(wherein  $R_4$  and  $R_5$  are each, same or different, H, an aliphatic hydrocarbon group with 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic hydrocarbon group with 6 to 9 carbon atoms;  $R_6$  is an aliphatic hydrocarbon group with 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted phenylene group; and p is an integer in the range of from 20 to 1,000).

Claim 3 (Original): A composition according to claim 1, wherein said siloxane resin has a structure represented by formula (3):

$$\begin{pmatrix}
R_{1} & R_{2} \\
I & I \\
Si - 0 - Si - 0 \\
I & I \\
0 & R_{3}
\end{pmatrix}$$
n ... (3)

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(wherein  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , and  $R_3$  are each, same or different, hydrogen, fluorine, a methyl group or an -O-group; and n is an integer in the range of from 5 to 1,000).

Claim 4 (Original): A composition according to claim 1, wherein said siloxane resin is obtained:

by subjecting to a heat treatment a mixture containing a tetraalkoxysilane (a) and an alkyltrialkoxysilane and/or trialkoxysilane (b) at a molar ratio (a:b) of 0:1 to 1:0; and

by releasing from 100 to 400 moles of alcohols out of 100 moles of (a + b), the total of the tetraalkoxysilane (a) and the alkyltrialkoxysilane and/or trialkoxysilane (b).

Claim 5 (Original): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the carbon concentration in said siloxane resin is in the range of from 1 to 80 atom% based on the total atoms of the siloxane resin.

Claim 6 (Original): A composition according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of hydrogen atoms directly bonded to silicon in said siloxane resin is in the range of from 1 to 25 atom% based on the total atoms of the siloxane resin.

Claim 7 (Original): A composition according to claim 1, wherein from 0.1 to 200 parts by weight of said silicon resin is used based on 100 parts by weight of said siloxane resin.

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